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BEGIN WORK ON NEW STORE

Crocker Mercantile Co. Commence Work Of Remodeling Building-- Let Contract For Cellar.

The Crocker Mercantile Co., which is now owned and controlled by the Rensberg interests, has begun the work of reconstructing and remodeling the building they recently bought from the Cimarron Construction Co. The present front of the building will be taken out and a plate glass front will be installed. The entire inside of the building will be lathed and plastered and the level of the floors will be made uniform throughout. In fact, everything necessary to make the present building into a first class store room will be done. Even an elevator will be put into the back part of the building so that the second floor may be used to hold the large stock which the company will always carry on hand. The work of excavating a big cellar forty feet wide, fifty feet long and eight feet deep under the building has been commenced, the contract having been awarded to M. N. Winters and B. J. Parker. Two teams will be

MAKES SURVEY IN THE HILLS.

A small survey party consisting of Frederic Whitney and Burton Williams left last Wednesday for the hills, where they intend to spend a few days exploring and surveying. Besides the animal each rode, each man had a pack horse, intending to rough it while out on the "hike." Just what the purpose of the survey was, or where they were going, the survey party refused to state, but it is thought that something is in the wind.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Barela are the happy parents of a bouncing eight pound baby girl, which the stork brought Thursday, Feb. 20th.

WILSON BACK FROM SOUTH

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WILSON HAS RETURNED TO CIMARRON--WILL TENDER HIS RESIGNATION.

After an absence from Cimarron and the United States of over three months, J. S. Wilson has returned home and is again about his place of business. Mr. Wilson states that he has been in Old Mexico, near the southern line, and that he is glad to get back again. He further stated that there seems to have been a mistaken impression about the town that he had not been intending to come back, although he retained his property here in Cimarron. He further states that while he is somewhat involved financially, it is his intention to pay off each and every creditor to the last cent. In order that he can devote his full time to his blacksmithing business, he has decided to resign from the office of justice of the peace, which he has so long held, and straighten up his finances. He is very emphatic in the statement that Cimarron will be his future home, and that he can be found at his old place of business.

POUND PARTY AT CHURCH

GOOD OLD FASHIONED CUSTOM OCCASIONS MERRY GATHERING--REV. J. ALFRED MORGAN SURPRISED.

Last week the members of the Methodist Episcopal church gathered together in social gathering at the church and surprised their pastor, the Rev. J. Alfred Morgan. The occasion was a revival of that good old custom known as the "pound party." Every person attending the event was instructed to bring a pound of some sort of article of provision for the use of the pastor, and the generous manner in which the gifts poured in was a pleasant indication that the pastor is held in no small esteem by his flock. Music and games were indulged in, and the occasion was in every way a great success.

BREAK LAND WITH STEAM PLOW.

The French Land & Irrigation company has recently contracted with some Illinois parties for the breaking up of 2,000 acres of farm land. The contractors have shipped to Springer a big steam plow with which twelve furrows will be turned at the same time. It is said that work will begin at once.

INSTITUTE NEW LODGE

CIMARRON MASONS HELP INSTITUTE VERMEJO LODGE AT DAWSON--BIG BANQUET--ENTERTAINING SPEAKERS.

Last Thursday evening a party of Cimarron Masons attended the institution of a new Masonic lodge at our sister town of Dawson. The party which consisted of Messrs. Pelphey, Chesworth, Pence and Records, drove over to Dawson from here, leaving Cimarron late in the afternoon. The institution of the new lodge was a big affair, and one well worth attending. The new lodge was instituted with sixteen members, who have already rented and furnished one of the finest lodge rooms in New Mexico. Aside from the main lodge room, there are also dressing and ante rooms, all furnished with the utmost good taste. The Vermejo lodge had issued invitations to a large number of other lodges to attend the ceremony of the institution, and over sixty-six Masons responded. There were representatives from lodges at Las Vegas, Trinidad, Raton, Tucumcari and Cimarron. C. D. Boucher, of Las Vegas, district deputy grand master, presided at the institution.

After the ceremony an elegant banquet to the visiting Masons and their friends was given in the opera house, the stage of which was decorated for the purpose. For this

WILL MAKE CEMENT BLOCKS

Cimarron Men Form Company To Manufacture Cement Blocks-- Will Put Up Complete Plant.

A number of Cimarron men have recently formed a company for the manufacture of Cement blocks, cement bricks, cement sills, columns, cap stones, etc. While the names of the organizers of the company are as yet not to be made public, the Citizen assures you that they are all men of merit and inexperience in this line, and that we will have a complete plant in operation within a short time. The manufacture of cement blocks has taken a great hold on the country and many beautiful and durable buildings have been built with cement blocks, because of their cheapness, strength and durability, and the fact that a cement block building is fire proof, thus reducing the insurance rate.

The new company will install a plant and machines capable of making cement bricks, pillars, columns, sills, posts, and blocks hollow and solid of every description. When completed it will be one of the best equipped plants, which modern ma-

TRANSACTS BUSINESS IN RATON.

Wm. Logan made a trip to Raton last week in the on business connected with his chicken business. Mr. Logan has leased a tract of land west of Cimarron from H. H. Chandler, and has already worked up quite a dairy business and states that he is going into the chicken business on a somewhat extensive scale this spring. It is his intention to raise chickens for the market and supply the very ready demand for fresh eggs here in Cimarron.

Mr. Van Duzen of the Raton Electrical Supply Co. has finished the working of wiring the residence of Geo. E. Renley for electric lights, and has returned to Raton.

GUN CLUB'S NEW TRAP

CIMARRON GUN CLUB INSTALLS NEW TRAP FOR THROWING CLAY BIRDS--WILL HOLD SHOOTING TOURNAMENTS.

The Cimarron Gun club which was organized about a month ago, is getting ready for spring shooting in earnest. It was found that the old trap the club had been using was not good enough for their needs, and so a new and up to date trap was purchased and is installed all ready for use. The new trap is a model of its kind, and requires two men to work it. It is loaded from a shed far out in front of the shooter and is sent off at the given command by a wire attached to a lever, which is pulled by some one back of the gunman. The shooting grounds have been moved to the top of the mesa, on which the water tanks stand, and it is here that the gun club intend to hold their shooting tournaments in the future.

GRAND JUROR IS HOME

After spending a week at Las Vegas, where he was to serve on the federal grand jury at that place, Maston G. Chase has returned to Cimarron. The jury was a special grand jury called to look into some alleged land frauds that have come out within a somewhat recent period, the land in question being some coal lands in and about Yankee. After investigating and hearing the evidence, true bills were found indicting three well known men. Other true bills were also found charging a prisoner with sheep stealing, and another with sending obscene literature through the mails.

Mr. Chase reports that the city of Las Vegas has been improving during the past few years, and that his stay in our sister city was very pleasant.

AWFUL EXPLOSION ON BARTLET RANCH.

A fearful explosion took place on the Bartlett ranch recently, and James R. Howard, an employee of the ranch was blown to pieces. The victim, who was a brother-in-law of Wm. Long, also an employee, was engaged in getting out rock for a ranch building, when fifty pounds of dynamite exploded, blowing Howard to atoms. The body was terribly mutilated.

BOXING MATCH PULLED OFF

FIFTEEN ROUND GO ENDS IN FIFTH--DELANEY RECEIVES HIS QUIETUS AND TAKES THE COUNT--SOME DISSATISFACTION.

Cimarron was again the scene of a boxing match, which was scheduled as a fifteen round go between Delaney of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Fitzgerald of St. Louis, Mo. Both men had been in training for this fight for sometime, and selected Cimarron as the most likely place for their meeting. Both were heavyweights, weighing in at 192. When time was called the men went at the work with a snap, and for some little time the contest seemed to be about even in spite of the difference in the weight of the men. Although much lighter, Delaney lead out aggressively and often landed upon his big opponent with great force. But the very size of the man, and his indifference to punishment made it appear from the start almost, that his was the victor. His manner in protecting his wind was especially clever, as was the general work of the smaller man. But clever as he was, Delaney could not guard his face and the side of his neck from the seemingly light and easily given love taps of the big man, and this lead to his knockout in the fifth round, by a short arm punch over the heart and a left back hand tap on the jaw. The blows were so seemingly light and easily given that cries of "Fake" were at once raised. And to this day Cimarron is divided between the "Twins Fake" and the "Twins' Wake" factions. It seems that Fitzgerald had had some difficulty with a widow at Las Vegas, and as soon as the fight was over, Deputy Sheriff, Winters, attached his share of the gate receipts and placed him under arrest, by serving him with a warrant charging him with not paying his board bill, which he is said to have owed a widow in Las Vegas. The prisoner was held in custody until the next morning and taken to Raton and delivered to Sheriff Littrell for safe keeping.

While the sporting editor of the Citizen was personally satisfied with the fight, and considers it a very clever exhibition of boxing, still he considers the following attempt at poetry too good to suppress. The office "devil," while sweeping out the morning after the contest, found it tied to the tail of the office cat:

A Subscription List.
We, the undersigned citizens of Cimarron, here agree
To pay the amount set opposite each and respective name,
To these two combatants (take 'em

away) as a fee,
To carry out successfully their little skin game.

With this proviso; and it is willingly so agreed,
That the money we give and so cheerfully spend,

Shall go to apply on the past debt feed

Of Fitzgerald, our pugilistic and mutual friend.

"Gillie" may have been a "go-getter" and a prize fight prompter.

A circus man, a "brakey" and a "cute cut-up" before,

But in this land of the "suare deal" and the "pistol toter"

People are fooled once, mayhap twice, but no more.

Little Delaney was a shifty chap, full of vim and grit.

When Fitz swung his good left out, he'd side step and "duck-er"

He would have whipped the brawny Fitz we think--"nit"

So each heretofore subscribes his name--a "sucker."

BIG LAND TRACT REPORTED SOLD.

The report has reached Cimarron but the Citizen has not been able to verify it, that the French Land and Irrigation Co. has just completed the sale of a large tract of their big farm land holdings. It is said that this deal was for \$27,000 cash, and that the land brought a very good price. Since this company owns some of the best land in Colfax county, a price of \$100 might very easily have been obtained in this sale.

Mr. Wm. Arkell of Raton, the manager of the Mrs. Carey tin shop, was a visitor at Cimarron last week for a day or so.

In Society

THEATER PARTY VISITS DAWSON.

A number of Cimarron people went to attend the "Toymakers," which showed in our neighboring town last week, leaving here on number 2, and returning next morning. Those making up the party were, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Duckworth, Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Eugene Bolton. Mr. Bolton, however, combined business with pleasure. The troupe presenting the popular play was excellent, and all report a very enjoyable time.

SWASTIKA CLUB DANCE.

The popular Swastika Club held another of its very enjoyable dances in the Matkin Hall last week, and all of the members who availed

themselves of the opportunity, report an extremely good time. The ladies reverted to their old custom of serving their usual dainty lunch.

C. M. A. DANCE.

The Star Lodge of the C. M. A. entertained their friends with a dancing party at their halls in the old mill last week. This popular organization has fitted up the dancing hall in a very artistic manner and use it also as a lodge room, where their meetings are held and the rites of their mystic order are performed. Those lucky enough to receive an invitation to the social affairs of this lodge always enjoy themselves greatly and the last dancing party was by no means an exception to the rule.

TEAMS AGAIN CROSS BATS

FIERCELY CONTESTED GAME ENDS IN SCORE OF SIX TO SEVEN--FINE EXHIBITION OF FAST BALL PLAYING.

Nearly all winter, Cimarron has been treated to a good game of ball between local pick-up teams each Sunday afternoon, and the last Sunday in February was no exception to the rule. Although the weather was a little chilly for entire comfort, still the grand stand was fairly well filled by the baseball enthusiasts who braved the wind to see a good game. And they were not disappointed. Captain Brooke headed his dauntless crew in a very spectacular game of hard hitting, swift playing, errorless performances, until way into the eighth inning. Then the opposition aggregation bunched a few good hits, and after an expensive error or so by Captain Brooke's team, less dauntless by this time, the game ended with a score of six to seven in favor of Fisher's flunkies.

Captain Fisher made a most laudable effort to drive the ball clear into the next county, and went home disgusted because he was only allowed to run around the bases but once.

BOOM TAKES FRESH START

CONSTRUCTION WORK IN CIMARRON TAKES NEW HOLD--LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS GOING UP--REPAIRS BEING MADE.

One of the hopeful signs of prosperity returning, is the renewed activity in construction work here in Cimarron. A large number of residences are now in course of building, and a number more will soon be started. In fact there is every indication that the number of buildings to be erected here this spring and summer will exceed that of any one previous period.

Robert Ogilvie is now building himself an exceedingly neat little cottage, as is also M. N. Winters and Chas. Durbin. O. F. Matkin has an elegant bungalow of six rooms and a bath well toward completion. The style of this beautiful bungalow is most pleasing, its low wide verandas with their cobbles stone pillars, give a most homelike and comfortable appearance to the whole structure. Geo. E. Ramey is building a residence, and Dr. Bass is beginning the erection of a fine eleven room home, which will be a great credit to Cimarron.

In addition to the residences now under work, there are a number of business structures to be erected within the near future, and chief among these is that which Fred Brooks is planning to erect for the Cimarron Mercantile Co. The Crocker Mercantile Co. is remodeling the building recently purchased by them from the Cimarron Construction Co., and Mr. Bukove, a former Raton restaurant man, is now engaged in remodeling what has been known as the Hunter Rooming House. Taking it all in all, the prospects for a small sized boom in the building line this spring and summer are very bright.

Mrs. Woods of Dawson was a visitor at Cimarron last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Duckworth.

Local and Personal

Mr. Frederic Whitney was a business visitor in Raton last week.

Little Lucile Belton has been ill with the measles for a few days, but is now doing nicely.

Mr. Arthur Hamilton and Burton Williams, rode over to Wagon Mound last week. Mr. Hamilton had a position as tutor offered him, which he wished to look into, and Mr. Williams made the trip partly on business and partly for pleasure.

A number of Cimarron people have undertaken the giving of a home talent minstrel show in the near future, and a meeting will be held in Matkin Hall this evening to organize.

MRS. BREVOORT TO MAKE HER HOME WITH BROTHERS.

Mrs. Brevoort, of Springfield, Mo., has arrived in Cimarron with her little girl, expecting to make her future home here with her brothers, Messrs. T. A. and Wm. Brooke. T. A. Brooke recently purchased from Mrs. O'Sullivan her residence on Ninth street, and has refitted it, making a cozy little home, which will in the future be presided over by Mrs. Brevoort.